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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL- INFORMAL

1. REGRET DELAYS IN TRANSMISSION AND RECEIPT OF THE 8  
AUTHORIZATIONS CABLES THAT ONLY ARRIVED MAY 14. PROBLEM WAS  
2-DAY DELAY BEFORE TRANSMISSION, DUE TO SYSTEM LOAD WHICH  
CAUSED HOLD-UP OF "ROUTINE" MESSAGES. VISA OFFICE WILL NOW  
MARK AUTHORIZATIONS SENT ON WEDNESDAYS FOR SUNDAY FLIGHTS  
"PRIORITY" AND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY CABLES "IMMEDIATE," WHICH  
SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.

2. WE HAVE A NOTE FROM BILL JACKSON OF SENATOR CRANSTON'S  
STAFF TAKING EXCEPTION TO REPORTING TELEGRAM OF HIS CONVER-  
SATION WITH SUPREME SOVIET JACKSON SAYS HE DID NOT INVITE  
SUPREME SOVIET TO SEND A DELEGATION TO US THIS YEAR. HE  
SAYS HE CONVEYED THAT CRANSTON DID NOT SPEAK FOR WHOLE  
SENATE BUT WANTED TO DO ALL HE COULD TO BRING ABOUT CON-  
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TINUATION OF PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE AND WOULD MAKE A MAXIMUM  
EFFORT TO SEE TO IT THAT SUPREME SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE  
INVITED BY BOTH HOUSES. JACKSON SAYS HE IS WORKING ON THIS  
NOW. DO YOU THINK SOVIETS GOT IMPRESSION THEY WERE BEING  
INVITED? AS YOU CAN SEE, THE EVENT IS STILL SOME DISTANCE  
AWAY.

3. WE RECENTLY ASKED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL FOR INSTANCES  
IN WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN HELPFUL REGARDING BUSI-  
NESS FACILITATION. WE WILL NEED THIS BY OPENING OF BUSI-  
NESS MONDAY FOR IT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BRIEFING MATERIALS  
FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING.

4. WE HAVE ASKED EUR/EX TO ISSUE TRAVEL ORDERS FOR VEN  
SKONG TO BE HERE THE WEEK OF JUNE 6-10 FOR THE EXPERTS'  
AND COMMISSION MEETINGS. CHRISTOPHER

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